

In the Specification

Please replace the second paragraph on page 4 with the following:

Fig. 2 represents alignment of the sequences of TWIK-1 (SEQ ID No.: 3), TREK-1 (SEQ ID No.: 4), TASK (SEQ ID No.: 5) and TRAAK (SEQ ID No.: 1) which are four channels of the TWIK type presently cloned in mammals as well as deduced dendrogram of this alignment.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 7 with the following:

Another nucleic acid sequence according to the invention comprising at least one sequence coding for the protein constituting the TREK-1 channel which has the amino acid sequence represented in the attached sequence list as SEQ ID No: 2-4 or for a functionally equivalent derivative of this protein. A DNA molecule comprising the sequence coding for the TREK-1 protein is represented in the attached sequence list as SEQ ID No:2-4 or its complementary sequence. More specifically, such an amino acid sequence comprises the sequence between nucleotides 484 and 1596 of SEQ ID NO:24.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 10 with the following:

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